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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the ☒ Utility ☐ Design ☒ nonprovisional ☐ provisional  
patent application of:

Inventor / Application Identifier: Kwan-Ho KIM

☐ See Inventor Information Sheet attached

For: **DISPOSABLE EAR PLUG**

- ☐ This is a new patent application.  
☒ This is the 35 U.S.C. 371 National Stage Application of the above-identified PCT Application.  
☐ This is a provisional patent application.  
☐ This is a: ☐ Continuation Application

☐ Divisional Application  
☐ Continuation-in-Part Application  
of prior Application Serial No. \_.

☐ Cancel in this application original claims \_\_\_ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.

☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:  
-- This is a ☐ Continuation, ☐ Divisional, ☐ Continuation-in-part, of  
Application

☐ Incorporation By Reference. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

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| ENCLOSED ARE THE FOLLOWING: |  |  |
| X                           | 5  | Sheets of drawings ([x] formal [ ] informal size A4 ). |
| X                           | 9  | Pages of specification including abstract and claims.  |
| X                           | 14   | Total pages.   |
| X                           | Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney |  |
|                             | X  | Newly executed   |
|                             |  | Copy from prior application                            |
|                             |  | Inventors deleted; see attached statement              |
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|   | Preliminary Amendment                                      |
|   | Assignment to:   |
|   | Assignment is of record in prior application Serial No. _. |
|   | Assignment Recordation Form Cover Sheet.                   |
| X | Information Disclosure Statement                           |
| X | Information Disclosure Citation                            |
|   | English translation  |
| X | Application Data Sheet                                     |

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| <b>PRIORITY CLAIMS</b> |   |
|                        | Applicant hereby claims the benefit of the filing date of the following provisional application(s) under the provision of 35 USC 119.   |
| X                      | Applicant hereby claims the benefit under the provisions of 35 USC 119 of the filing dates of the following applications as indicated below:<br><br>Korea Patent Appln. No. 10-2003-0001347, filed January 9, 2003, Priority Claimed<br><br>of which certified copies thereof |
|                        | will follow   |
| X                      | are enclosed  |
|                        | have been filed in the International Bureau   |
|                        | were filed in prior application:  |

| CLAIMS FILED AND FILING FEE CALCULATION  |                                 |                |                              |       |              |
|--|---------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|-------|--------------|
| ITEM   | —                               | Rate           | Applied<br>Fee               |       |              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Basic Fee Utility                                       | —                               | \$300          |                              |       |              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Search Fee Utility                                      |                                 | \$500          |                              |       |              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exam. Fee Utility                                       |                                 | \$200          |                              |       |              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sheet Fee Utility                                       | Ea. Add'l 50 pgs. over 100 pgs. | \$250          |                              |       |              |
| Small Entity e-Filed Basic Fee Utility: SEE<br>BELOW "Small Entity is Asserted." |                                 |                |                              |       |              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic Fee - PCT Nat'l Stage                  | —                               | \$300          | \$300                        |       |              |
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| Total Claims   | 6                               | 20             | 0                            | \$50  | \$0          |
| Independent Claims   | 2                               | 3              | 0                            | \$200 | \$0          |
| Multiple Dependent Claim Fee   | —                               |                |                              | \$360 | \$0          |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Basic Fee Utility -<br>e-filed and Small Entity         |                                 |                |                              | \$75  |              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-English Specification                               | —                               |                |                              | \$130 | \$0          |
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- [X] Please charge to Deposit Account No. 10-1250 any further fees due for filing or during prosecution of this application under: 37 CFR 1.16; 37 CFR 1.17; and 37 CFR 1.492.

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